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To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Status of County-Interest Legislation

County-supported AB 889 (Ruskin), which would continue the authority of counties to collect registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices through January 1, 2011, and revise various fee schedules, was amended on June 20, 2005 to include provisions which aim to standardize the way county point-of-sale (scanner) inspection programs operate. The scanner provisions represent a compromise by the sponsor of the bill, the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association, in order to remove opposition by grocers and retailers. Grocers and retailers are now expected to support AB 889. The Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures indicates that while the scanner provisions will somewhat limit the County's ability to tailor its program locally, the overall value of AB 889 in helping to fully recover County inspection costs warrants continued support for the bill. AB 889 is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development on June 27, 2005.

County-sponsored AB 1769 (Negrete Mcleod), which would provide an exemption for the Los Angeles County Fire Chief from the mandatory retirement provisions under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937, passed the Assembly on June 23, 2005 by a vote of 64 to 1. Our Sacramento Advocates have learned that the Governor's Office is seeking an amendment to preclude the opportunity for pension-spiking. The bill now proceeds to the Senate Committee on Public Employment and Retirement.

County-supported ACA 17 (Mullin), which would amend the State Constitution to authorize 17-year old citizens, who will be at least 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special election that occurs after the person is eligible to register to vote, passed the Assembly Committee on Elections and Redistricting on June 21, 2005 by a vote of 4 to 1. ACA 17 now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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